



Marching Units Participating in 55th Presidential Inauguration

THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE ACADEMY BAND

A composite squadron of 83 cadets marching beneath the colors of the Outstanding Cadet Squadron for 2004, Cadet Squadron 21 is representing the United States Air Force Academy. The squadron marching today represents more than 4,100 members of the Air Force Cadet Wing. Established in 1955, the Air Force Academy is the youngest of the service academies. The cadets are under the Command of Cadet Lieutenant Colonel Austin Skelley, Commander, Cadet Squadron 21. Cadets range in age from 17-27 years old.

UNITED STATES MERCHANT MARINE ACADEMY REGIMENTAL STAFF

Leading the United States Merchant Marine Academy are senior midshipmen of the Regimental Staff. They represent more than one thousand academy midshipmen who continue in the tradition established during World War II of taking part in all military sealift operations, including Desert Shield and Desert Storm, Somalia, Bosnia, and Operation Iraqi Freedom. The 61-year-old academy operates under the Maritime Administration of the U. S. Department of Transportation. The Regimental Commander is Midshipman Commander David Shafer of Stevensville, Maryland.

UNITED STATES MERCHANT MARINE ACADEMY REGIMENTAL DETACHMENT

From Kings Point, New York, comes the Regimental Detachment of the United States Merchant Marine Academy. The federal academy was dedicated on September 30, 1943, and became permanent on February 20, 1956. It is the only federal academy with the privilege of carrying a battle standard in honor of 142 midshipmen who gave their lives during World War II. Merchant Marine midshipmen have taken part in every military sealift operation since World War II, including Operations Desert Shield and Storm, Somalia, Bosnia, and Operation Iraqi Freedom. The detachment of midshipmen is led by Midshipman Lieutenant Daniel Gately from Catonsville, Maryland.

UNITED STATES MERCHANT MARINE ACADEMY COLOR GUARD

The Color Guard of the United States Merchant Marine Academy is set apart from most color guards by having a fifth and sixth man. The fifth man carries the Academy's Battle Standard, symbolizing the fact that the Merchant Marine Academy is the only federal academy to send her midshipmen into war zones before graduation. The numerals 142 on the Standard indicate the number of Merchant Marine Midshipmen who died at sea as a result of enemy action during the Second World War. The sixth man carries the flag of the U.S. Merchant Marine. This tradition started in World War II and continues to this day, with students participating in Operations Desert Shield and Storm, Operation Iraqi Freedom, and the Global War on Terrorism. The Regimental Color Guard is commanded by Midshipman Lieutenant Walter Keane of Freeport, New York.



UNITED STATES MERCHANT MARINE ACADEMY REGIMENTAL BAND

Representing the only federal academy band made up entirely of midshipmen is The United States Merchant Marine Academy Band. The Merchant Marine Academy Band participates in numerous academy and outside activities year-round, including the Armed Forces Day Parade, the Columbus Day Parade, the Parade for Desert Storm, Maritime Day Ceremonies, Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade, Opening Day at Shea Stadium, the opening for the D-Day Museum in New Orleans, and a host of other parades and concerts. The band is commanded by Midshipman Lieutenant Kraig Josephic of Irwin, Pennsylvania with Drum Major Midshipman Lieutenant Christopher Weaver of Las Vegas, Nevada.

UNITED STATES MILITARY ACADEMY AT WEST POINT

These young men and women represent the 4,000 cadets of the United States Military Academy at West Point, New York. Upon graduation, they will serve as second lieutenants in the United States Army. West Point graduates are leading American soldiers worldwide in combating the Global War on Terrorism. The academy representatives are led by Cadet Jayson Williams of Seminole, Oklahoma, who serves as the Deputy Brigade Commander.

UNITED STATES NAVY BAND

Representing the Navy in its 20th presidential inauguration and known as "The World's Finest" is the United States Navy Band. Based at the historical Navy Yard in Washington, D.C., the band and its specialty groups have performed at many milestone events, from Charles Lindbergh's transatlantic flight in 1927 and many World War II venues to the 1981 return of the Iran hostages and the September 11th memorial at the Pentagon. The 56-piece band is comprised of 169 enlisted musicians and four officers. Captain Ralph Gambone of Annapolis, Maryland is the band director. The drum major is Master Chief Musician Jeffrey Myers of Lykens, Pennsylvania.

UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS MARCHING UNIT

Representing the United States Marine Corps are the Marines of Company B, based at the historic Marine Barracks in Washington, D.C. Among their duties in the National Capital Region are light infantry training, ceremonial performances and presidential support. Captain Michael S. Hays from Kingwood, Texas, leads the 90-Marine company, assisted by the B Company First Sergeant John Ploskonka.

UNITED STATES MARINE BAND

Representing the Marine Corps in its 52nd consecutive inaugural appearance is "The President's Own" United States Marine Band. Established in 1798, the Marine Band made its inaugural debut in 1801 for President Thomas Jefferson, an avid music lover who fondly dubbed them "The President's Own." The Marine Band's mission is to provide music for the President of the United States and Commandant of the Marine Corps. They perform at the White House more than 300 times each year and at more than 500 annual public and official performances locally and on tour.



FIRST CAVALRY DIVISION HORSE CAVALRY DETACHMENT

The First Cavalry Division's Horse Cavalry Detachment is from Fort Hood, Texas. The mission of the detachment is threefold – to represent the First Cavalry Division and the United States Army in public appearances throughout the country; to assist in recruiting by demonstrating the professionalism of today's soldier; and to maintain the proud traditions forged by the Cavalry in our country's colorful history. First Cavalry units have served the nation from 1855 to the present. They've built a history with solid ties to the traditions and heritage of the United States Cavalry.

UNITED STATES COAST GUARD CEREMONIAL GUARD (PRESIDENTIAL ESCORT)

Representing the United States Coast Guard and the Department of Homeland Security is the Coast Guard Ceremonial Honor Guard, which was established in 1962 and has participated in every presidential inauguration since President Johnson's in 1965. The Ceremonial Honor Guard is under the direct operational control of the Military District of Washington and participates in White House functions, dignitary visits, state funerals and other high-level, official ceremony events. Marching for the Honor Guard are 78 Coast Guard personnel, led by the Officer-in-Charge, Lieutenant Frank Hinson of Berlin, New Jersey.

UNITED STATES COAST GUARD BAND

Representing the United States Coast Guard and the Department of Homeland Security is the Coast Guard Band, which was established in 1925 and has played in every presidential inauguration since President Hoover's in 1929. Originally a small command band that played locally, the Coast Guard Band's duties have expanded to include concerts throughout the world, at presidential and cabinet functions and at events in Australia, Japan and Europe. They represent the nation's oldest continuous seagoing service. The band includes 55 musicians, led by Band Director Lieutenant Kenneth Megan from Norwood, Massachusetts, who has performed in six presidential inaugurations.

UNITED STATES COAST GUARD ACADEMY COMPOSITE COMPANY

The Coast Guard's proud Composite Company represents the United States Coast Guard Academy. This 90-member marching unit from New London, Connecticut, represents more than 900 cadets who attend the Academy on a four-year scholarship. Academy graduates will serve on active duty as officers of the nation's oldest continuous seagoing service. The Coast Guard Academy is one of five federal service academies. The Academy's marching unit has members from all four classes.

(PRESIDENTIAL ESCORT)

COMMANDER IN CHIEF'S GUARD – 3RD U.S. INFANTRY (THE OLD GUARD)

Known as the "Old Guard" and charged with providing security for the nation's capital is the Third United States Infantry – the oldest infantry unit in the active Army. This company participates in ceremonies around the Washington, D.C., area, including the White House. Old Guard soldiers also maintain a faithful 24-hour vigil at the Tomb of the Unknowns and



conduct funeral services at Arlington National Cemetery. The ribbons at the top are battle streamers that mark major campaigns that the Army has participated in.

U.S. ARMY BAND - (PRESIDENTIAL ESCORT)

Founded in 1922 by Army Chief of Staff, General John "Blackjack" Pershing, the mission of the United States Army Band "Pershing's Own" is to provide music for official ceremonies and special events throughout the National Capital Region. For the past three years, members of the Army Band have deployed to Southwest Asia as part of the Sergeant Major of the Army/USO Tour in support of the men and women now serving in harm's way. Since the inauguration of Calvin Coolidge in 1925, the United States Army Band has led each Inaugural Parade as part of the official escort to the president.

UNITED STATES ARMY FIELD BAND

From the nation's capital, the United States Army Field Band is the military's most traveled band, performing at hundreds of concerts and events worldwide each year. Known as the "Musical Ambassadors of the Army," the band was founded in 1946 with a mission to bring the story of the Army and its soldiers to the grassroots of America.

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE HONOR GUARD

Representing all Air Force active duty units are members of the Air Force Honor Guard. The Honor Guard is comprised of men and women of all ranks and specialties, including combat veterans from Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom. The unit's primary mission is to render military honors for Air Force personnel and their families during funeral services at Arlington National Cemetery.

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE BAND

The United States Air Force Band is known as "America's International Musical Ambassadors." The band has performed in more than 50 countries and 42 world capitals during its 64 years in existence. This premier band pioneered the concept that a musical organization can be a nation's most effective goodwill ambassador. The band provides music for official government and military functions in the nation's capital area, as well as for community events.

UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS LONGHORN BAND

This is the sixth Presidential Inaugural Parade appearance for the "Show Band of the Southwest." The University of Texas Longhorn band has grown over the years from 20 members to the 358-member band you see today. The band also recently performed at this year's Rose Bowl.

CELEBRATING FREEDOM, HONORING SERVICE FLOAT



STONE HIGH SCHOOL BAND

The Stone High School Band from Wiggins, Mississippi is a consistent recipient of All-Superior ratings at band competitions and a 2002 participant in the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade. Today, the band of 142 marchers is playing "Happy Days are Here Again" and "Come Fly with Me."

AMERICAN RESCUE DOG ASSOCIATION

Since 1972, the American Rescue Dog Association has responded to thousands of search missions for lost children, elderly persons, hunters, hikers and victims of major disasters including the attacks on the Pentagon and World Trade Center Towers. The group, located in six states and Canada, is the nation's oldest search dog association.

NEW YORK POLICE DEPARTMENT EMERALD SOCIETY PIPES AND DRUMS

The NYPD Emerald Society Pipes and Drums is comprised of New York City Police officers with Irish heritage. This group is proud to honor both President Bush and Officer Stephen Discoll, a member of the Color Guard, who died when he responded to the attack on the World Trade Center Towers. Bandmaster Brian Coughlan and his 75 marchers are here for their second Inaugural Parade, and they have also performed in the New York City St. Patrick's Day Parade.

NEW YORK CITY EMERGENCY VEHICLES

NEW YORK CITY FIRE DEPARTMENT EMERALD SOCIETY PIPES AND DRUMS

Marching today to honor two of their members who lost their lives in the line of duty on September 11th, the New York City Fire Department Emerald Society Pipe & Drums is led by Drum Major Liam Flaherty. The 75-member band, composed entirely of NYC firefighters, has been named the best Pipe Band at the New York City St. Patrick's Day Parade six times. Today they are performing a George M. Cohan melody.

SENATOR BURNS

GRANT WOOD ALL CITY DRUM AND BUGLE CORPS

The Grant Wood All City Drum and Bugle Corps from Cedar Rapids, Iowa has some of the youngest drummers in the country, with members ages four to 16. The corps first organized in the director's living room in 1992, and today has 116 performers.

MOBILE AZALEA TRAIL, INC.

The Mobile Azalea Trail Maids began in 1929 when Mobile, Alabama founded the Azalea Trail. The Azalea Trail is the lining of the streets with miles of beautiful azaleas. The fifty high school senior girls are wearing pastel-colored Antebellum hoop dresses for this year's Inaugural Parade.



ARCADIA HIGH SCHOOL APACHE MARCHING BAND

The Arcadia High School Apache Marching Band is one of the most decorated bands in California. The band has appeared thirteen times in the Tournament of Roses New Year's Day Parade and has won Sweepstakes at the Alamo and Gator Bowl competitions. The band lives up to its school motto: "Simply the Best."

TULSA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE MOUNTED PATROL UNIT

Several of the Tulsa County Sheriff's office Mounted Patrol Unit's horses have served as rodeo horses as well as therapeutic riding horses. The Unit also has several deputies currently serving in Iraq. The unit received the distinction of Best Horse Unit at the Tulsa Christmas Parade of Lights, the Turley Founder's Day Parade, and the Sand Springs Christmas Parade.

ELIOT POLICE LAW ENFORCEMENT EXPLORER POST #903 AND THE SCARBOROUGH POLICE DEPARTMENT EXPLORER POST #883

An interest in a law enforcement career unites these young people that form Explorer Posts #903 and #883 from Maine. These students, ages 15-21, participate in National Law Enforcement Explorers Conferences and complete numerous community service projects each year. Last year, the Scarborough Explorers completed 800 hours of community service and the Eliot Explorers organized a "Giving Tree" for the needy, among other projects.

ARIZONA ANGELS STUDIO

More than just a dance studio, the Arizona Angels, from Scottsdale, Arizona seek to be a family. In addition to winning 22 first-place trophies at the USA and UDA Regional Championships, the team fed 350 homeless families during the holidays and participated in the Special Olympics. The studio is family-oriented and has an unusually-high 90 percent student retention rate. The team has been the Opening Act numerous times at the Fiesta Bowl Parade, and has also participated in the Goodwill Games in Sydney Australia, the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade, the Super Bowl halftime show and more.

NORTHERN STATE UNIVERSITY MARCHING WOLVES

After a 27-hour bus ride from Aberdeen, South Dakota, the Northern State University Marching Wolves made their way to Washington, D.C., for the first time in their 100-year history for today's parade. The Wolves will play a patriotic melody to honor our troops overseas. South Dakota has the largest deployment of volunteer servicemen and women in Iraq of any state. Each time the band performs, the members wear ribbons and a special September 11th lapel pin.

CULVER ACADAMIES BLACK HORSE TROOP AND EQUESTRIENNES

Riding in their 14th Inaugural Parade is the Culver Academies Black Horse Troop and the Equestriennes from Culver, Indiana. The Troop has served as a mounted escort for President Herbert Hoover, Queen Elizabeth II, Japanese Emperor Hirohito, and the Queen Mother Sylvia of Denmark. It takes 6 trucks 18 hours to transport all the horses from Culver to Washington, D.C.



CRAWFORD HIGH SCHOOL PIRATE BAND FLOAT

Coming from our President's hometown of Crawford, Texas, is the Crawford High School Pirate Band. The musicians traveled 1,500 miles to perform "Texas, Our Texas" for their neighbor in the 55th Inaugural Parade.

WYOMING HIGH SCHOOL ALL-STATE MARCHING BAND

Representing the Home State of Vice President Cheney is the Wyoming High School All-State Band. The 120 students performing in this Band come from numerous schools throughout Wyoming. In addition to performing in the 2001 Inaugural Parade, this band has appeared in three Tournament of Roses Parades, most recently in 2004.

WYOMING THEME FLOAT

FIGHTIN' TEXAS AGGIE BAND

The Fightin' Texas Aggie Band, two-time participants in the Inaugural Parade, is in traditional World War II style uniforms. The group is the largest collegiate military marching band in the nation and one of the most traveled collegiate bands in the country. All 320 musicians are also members of the Texas A&M Corps of Cadets.

THE ROSS VOLUNTEER COMPANY – TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY

The Ross Volunteer Company from Texas A&M University is the official Honor Guard for the Governor of Texas. Formed in 1887, the Company is the oldest student organization in the State of Texas.

BROKEN ARROW HIGH SCHOOL MARCHING BAND

The Broken Arrow High School Marching Band is the 12-time and reigning Oklahoma State Marching Band Champion. Making its second Presidential Inaugural appearance, the 75-year-old marching band program at Broken Arrow High School has been a Bands of America Grand National Finalist four times since 1997.

EASTON AREA HIGH SCHOOL RED ROVER MARCHING BAND

The 2004 United States Scholastic Band Association Pennsylvania State Champions, the Easton Area High School Red Rovers are performing "March Grandioso." The Red Rovers have performed in numerous spectacles including the 2003 Pennsylvania Inaugural Parade and the 1999 and 2003 Fed Ex Orange Bowls.

21st OHIO LIVING HISTORY GROUP

Every member of the the Living History Re-enactment Group of the 21st Ohio Infantry is a proud descendent of a Civil War veteran. Vice President Cheney's great-grandfather, Samuel Fletcher Cheney, served in the 21st Ohio Civil War Infantry. This group from Atlanta, Georgia, also has appeared in Hollywood movies such as Gettysburg, Gods and Generals, and Glory.



WARREN COUNTY PREVENTION PARTNERSHIP FLOAT

Making its 2nd Presidential Inaugural Parade appearance is the "Crime Fighter Corvette" from the Warren County Sheriff's Prevention Partnership in Kentucky. This specialty unit aims to capture the attention of Kentucky youth and capture their interest in the fight against drugs.

LAKEVILLE SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL MARCHING BAND

The Lakeville Senior High School Marching Band from Minnesota is performing "The Minnesota March" and "The Minnesota Rouser." The band has performed on the USS Missouri in Honolulu, Hawaii as well as in numerous parades and festivals across the nation. The band marches in the traditional "Big Ten Show Style," which includes high-step horn and shoulder swing.

USS UNIFORM DIVISION HONOR GUARD

USS UNIFORMED DIVISION MOTORCYCLE GUARD FLOAT

THE SPARTANS DRUM AND BUGLE CORPS

The Spartans Drum and Bugle Corps from Nashua, New Hampshire is composed of high school and college-age students from all over New England. The Spartans are three-time International Division World Champions, most recently in 2004. The group is celebrating its 50th anniversary and is marching in its 5th Inaugural Parade.

FIRST COMPANY GOVERNOR'S HORSE GUARD

Hailing from Avon, Connecticut, the First Company Governor's Horse Guard began in 1788 as the Governor's independent volunteer troop of horse guards. Today the men and women of the troop are dedicated to community service, which includes an anti-drug summer camp that teaches children how to care for horses. They have been named Connecticut Militia Unit of the Year 12 times and have escorted 13 United States Presidents.

THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT'S SECOND COMPANY GOVERNOR'S HORSE GUARD

The oldest horse Calvary unit still in continuous service in the United States is the Second Company Governor's Horse Guard of Connecticut. This Calvary group, which was first organized in 1808, has proudly served in both world wars. The all-volunteer Calvary participates in over 500 hours of training each year.

LINCOLN-WAY CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL MARCHING KNIGHTS

The 178 members of the Marching Knights from Lincoln-Way Central High School have traveled over 700 miles to represent the State of Illinois today. The Knights received the title of Grand Champion of the 2003 Gator Bowl and have been finalists annually in the Illinois State Marching Championships.



CAMDEN FAIRVIEW HIGH SCHOOL MARCHING BAND

The Camden Fairview High School Marching Band from Arkansas is performing music written especially for the Inaugural parade by Arkansas composer Steven Cross. The band consistently receives superior rating in all band competitions and has won the Arkansas Sweepstakes Award, the highest award for any Arkansas band, the last four out of six years.

MARION COUNTY SHERIFF'S PRECISION MOTORCYCLE DRILL SQUAD, INC.

Promoting good will between law enforcement and the general public is the aim of the Marion County Sheriff's Precision Drill Squad. This squad of good-will ambassadors from Indianapolis, Indiana rides on 2002 Harley-Davidson Road King Police Motorcycles. The group is proud to have performed in the Inaugural Parades of both George H.W. Bush and George W. Bush.

THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY MARCHING BAND

The Ohio State University Marching Band is the world's largest all brass percussion marching band, with 225 members. The band has a long tradition of excellence including marching in four previous Inaugural Parades and numerous Rose Bowl Parades. It also received the honor of the Sudler Trophy, considered the "Heismann Trophy" for collegiate bands.

FT. RILEY COMMAND GENERALS MOUNTED COLOR GUARD

WEST MONROE HIGH SCHOOL MARCHING BAND

THE CITADEL SUMMERALL GUARDS

For the first time ever at a Presidential Inaugural, the Summerall Guards from the Citadel will perform their trademark silent drill series. The series has never been written down but has been passed down from class to class since its formation in 1932. The Guards go through a strenuous three-week initiation involving tremendous physical and mental stress to learn the series.

LOWNDES HIGH SCHOOL "GEORGIA BRIDGEMAN" BAND

The Lowndes High School Band from Valdosta, Georgia is the Grand Champion of the National Peanut Festival and the Sylvester, Georgia Band Invitational. The "Georgia Bridgemen" also performed at the 2003 Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade, and the band is making plans to participate in the 2006 Tournament of Roses Parade. The band will perform "Georgia on my Mind – Battle Hymn."

PENTAGON FORCE PROTECTION AGENCY (PFPA) FLOAT

The Pentagon Police Department Ceremonial Team is carrying a flag rescued from the burning Pentagon in the aftermath of the September 11th, 2001 attack. Most of the team members were on active duty the day of the terrorist attack. The Team earned 1st Place at the Apple Blossom Parade in Winchester, Virginia.



GAITHER HIGH SCHOOL MARCHING COWBOYS

MILITARY ORDER OF PURPUL E HEART FLOAT

General George Washington created the Badge of Military Merit in 1728, which was re-instituted as the Purple Heart in 1932. All the members of the Military Order of the Purple Heart have been wounded in combat by an instrument of the enemy. The Purple Heart is the oldest combat medal in use today.

MARSHALL COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL MARCHING MARSHALS

The Marching Marshals from Benton, Kentucky, have participated in the Tournament of Roses Parade, the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade, and 15 Kentucky Governor's Inaugural Parades. The Marshall County High School Marching Band has performed before previous presidents and the Bahamas Prime Minister as well. These 120 band members will perform "My Old Kentucky Home."

KILGORE COLLEGE RANGERETTES

HALAU HO'OMU L KA WAI OLA O HAWAII

Halau Ho'omau I Ka Wai Ola O Hawaii is a cultural school whose primary goal is to keep Hawaiian heritage alive by celebrating the traditions of its native Hawaii. This group celebrates Hawaiian culture through dance song, music, history and language. Their name translates to "School of the Living Waters of Hawaii."

WEST JOHNSON HIGH SCHOOL MARCHING BAND

Despite being only two and a half years old, the West Johnston High School Marching Band from Benson, North Carolina has already received the title of 4th in its Class at the 2004 Bands of America Grand National Marching Band Championships. Additionally, the Bands of America Grand National Championships ranked this band of 135 performers 21st regardless of class.

RHODE ISLAND DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS, RHODE ISLAND BROTHERHOOD OF CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS

The Rhode Island Brotherhood of Correctional Officers Honor Guard is a civic-minded, volunteer team that contributes to the protection of the American people. Twenty one of its employees currently are on active duty, serving in Iraq. The honor guard most recently received community commendations from the Rhode Island Municipal Police Academy, the Rhode Island Special Olympics, the Aquidneck Island Police Parade and the Bristol 4th of July Parade.

AMERICAN FORK HIGH SCHOOL MARCHING BAND

With 210 marchers, the American Fork High School Marching Band from Utah was the official Salt Lake 2002 Winter Olympics Announcement Band. In addition to playing in the Olympic Village, American Fork has played in the Tournament of Roses Parade and was a finalist in the Bands of America Grand National Championships.



MENASHA HIGH SCHOOL BLUE JAY BRIGADE MARCHING BAND

The Menasha High School Blue Jay Brigade Marching Band from Wisconsin had the great honor of playing for a wreath laying ceremony at Omaha Beach as part of the 60th anniversary of the D-Day invasion. This band has also played at two Green Bay Packers playoff games and the Super Bowl. The band's 131 marchers will play "Battle Hymn of the Republic."

MID AMERICAN POMPON ALL STAR TEAM

Appearing for the fourth consecutive time in the Inaugural Parade is the Mid American Pompon All Star Team. The team members, who must audition each year, represent over forty high schools across the state of Michigan. The team members perform around the nation, at events such as the Detroit Pistons' 2004 Victory Parade, the Orange Bowl, and the Bahamas Carnival Cruise.

THE UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE PRIDE OF THE SOUTHLAND BAND

Playing "Rocky Top" and making their 11th consecutive appearance in the Presidential Inaugural Parade is the "Pride of the Southland Band" from the University of Tennessee. The band, which was formed in 1869, has performed at numerous college football bowl games, including the 1998 National Championship Game.

MERCED COUNTY SHERIFF'S POSSE

The Merced County Sheriff's Posse has performed in two previous Inaugural Parades. This California-based group of thirteen mounted performers was founded in 1948. The Sheriff's Posse is a completely volunteer organization that supports the Merced County Sheriff's Department in search and rescue missions and serves as Good Will Ambassadors for the Sheriff's Department.

AMERICAN ORIGINALS FIFE & DRUM CORPS

Since 1991, the American Originals Fife and Drum Corps has become one of the most popular musical organizations in the Drum Corps world. The group's mission is to preserve the sounds of our historical past while incorporating military precision techniques and execution. The band is a regular participant at events held throughout the eastern United States.

LINCOLN HIGHWAY NATIONAL MUSEUM & ARCHIVES FLOAT

NORWICH UNIVERSITY REGIMENTAL BAND

The Norwich University Regimental Band from Vermont is the oldest collegiate military band in the United States. Formed in 1820, the band is wearing uniforms based on those worn in Norwich during the Civil War. The band marches annually at the New York City St. Patrick's Day Parade and the Patriot's Day Parade in Lexington, Massachusetts.



EASLEY NAVAL JUNIOR RESERVE OFFICER TRAINING CORP (NJROTC)

The Easley Naval Junior Reserve Training Corp has 187 Cadets who traveled from South Carolina to honor President Bush today. The group performs over 2,000 hours of community service each year in their hometown of Easley. The cadets were State Drill Champions in 2002, 2003 and 2004.

JACKSON MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL BAND

Representing the Garden State is the reigning EMBA State Champions, the Jackson Memorial High School "Jaguar Band." The band has performed in three ticker-tape championship parades for the New York Yankees as well as on the Today Show for Conan O'Brien's 10th Anniversary Special.

ST. JOHN'S COLLEGE HIGH SCHOOL (JROTC Unit)

One of the nation's original 100 Junior Reserved Officer Training Corps began at St. John's College High School in Washington, D.C. This year, these students celebrate the 89th anniversary of the founding of the JROTC program. St. John's College High seeks to "Motivate young people to become better citizens."

MC QUEEN HIGH SCHOOL BAND

The McQueen High School Band is a seven-time Nevada State Marching Band Champion. The band participated in the 2003 Hollywood Christmas Parade and traveled over 2,300 miles to participate in the Inaugural Parade. Band Director Rick Moffit and 122 performers will play "Main Street America" and "March America."

STARS 'N' STEEDS MOUNTED DRILL TEAM

Although a first-time competitor at the 2004 National United States Equestrian Drill Team Competition, the Stars 'N' Steeds won the title of National Champions in 3 divisions. The Missouri youth who form this equestrian club range from 10-19 years old, and all of them have committed to academic excellence and an exemplary lifestyle free from drugs, tobacco, and alcohol.

RING OF FIRE FLOAT

The Ring of Fire performers have traveled over 75,000 miles in the last eight years and have performed with the Boston Pops, at the NYC 9-11 Services, and at the 2001 Presidential Inaugural. This group has 62 hand bells ranging from eight ounces to 12 pounds, each playing a unique note. Ring of Fire's name comes from the volcanic terrain of the group's native Hillsboro, Oregon area as well from the unique fiery style of ringing that the group brings to the art of hand bell performance.

FREEDOM RIDERS

The Freedom Riders are a Western riding group from Northern Colorado. The group has appeared in professional rodeo events all over the United States, and their unique performances honor the men, women and families of our military and government who make tremendous sacrifices to preserve our freedom.



AUBURN UNIVERSITY MARCHING BAND

The Auburn University Marching Band, a three-time Inaugural Parade participant, is fresh off their appearance from this year's Sugar Bowl. Auburn's mascot is "Augie" the Tiger, and today the 320-member band will be performing "The Footlifter" and "The Hosts of Freedom." In 2004, the Auburn University Marching Band received the Sudler Intercollegiate Marching Band Trophy, the nation's highest and most coveted award for college and university marching bands.

UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA AT OMAHA MARCHING MAVERICKS

This is the first performance in an Inaugural Parade for the University of Nebraska at Omaha Marching Mavericks. The band's 101 members will perform the patriotic medley "Freedom."

UNITED STATE BORDER PATROL, DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Representing 80 years of Border Patrol tradition is the Mounted Patrol from El Paso, Texas. The base patrol has received numerous awards and recognitions from local law enforcement agencies, and for search and rescue missions and community service events.

ALASKA HIGHLANDERS

WASHINGTON CROSSING FOUNDATION FLOAT

229 years ago, General George Washington crossed the Delaware River on Christmas Day. As ice blocks and water surrounded his men, the soldiers safely oared ashore to land a surprise attack on the British at Trenton, New Jersey. Jim Gallagher, who portrays George Washington, participated in the same role in the 1989 Inaugural Parade.

LINCOLN MINUTE MEN

On April 19, 1775, the Lincoln Minute Men responded to Paul Revere's Alarm and were the first Minute Company to arrive in Concord that fateful morning. The group still marches to Concord every year on April 19th to commemorate the actions of the original Minute Men. They also spend nearly 100 hours a year educating students about their heritage and the history of the American Revolution.

AMERICANAS

The Americanas, representing their home state of Idaho, have performed over 350 times in 25 years with performers ranging from nine to 68 years old. These Roman Riders on all black horses have won first prize in nearly every competition they have entered, and they have participated in the Tournament of Roses Parade as well as two July 4th Parades in Washington, D.C.

BALLOU HIGH SCHOOL BAND



THE RED HOT MAMAS

Idaho's "Ambassadors of Fun," the zany Red Hot Mamas, will perform their famous shopping cart drill routine. These women have been awarded the Americanism Award by the VFW and are making their 2nd consecutive appearance in the Inaugural Parade.

LIBERTY HIGH SCHOOL MARCHING BAND

The 134 performers in the Liberty High School Marching Band were first-place winners of the West Virginia Salem Apple-Butter Festival and the second-place winners of the West Virginia Kingwood Buckwheat Festival. This group from Clarksburg, West Virginia, will perform "America the Beautiful" and "God Bless America."

NEW CASTLE COUNTY POLICE

These six highly trained, skilled and disciplined police officers from the New Castle County Police Mounted Unit have been protecting the citizens of Delaware since 1981.

ZUNI PUEBLO BAND

Organized nearly 50 years ago, the Zuni Pueblo Band has received the New Mexico State Fair Parade Honor Band Award numerous times. Marching in traditional Zuni clothing today, this band from Zuni, New Mexico is one of the only Native American Marching Bands in the United States.

VIRGINIA MILITARY INSTITUTE

The 1,000 cadets from the Virginia Military Institute marching in gray uniforms with red capes is the largest group marching in this year's inaugural parade. These men and women represent the oldest state supported military college in America, the Virginia Military Institute in Lexington, Virginia.

VIRGINIA TECH REGIMENTAL BAND, THE HIGHTY TIGHTIES

Dating back to 1883, the "Highty Tighties" have a long tradition of excellence and a history of performances throughout the country, including performances at college football bowl games, world fairs, the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade, and eight previous Presidential Inaugural parades. The "Highty Tighties" of Virginia Tech University earned their nickname from a cadet company cheer performed in the early 20th century.

GAUTIER HIGH SCHOOL MARCHING BAND

The Gautier High School Marching Band is representing Mississippi at this year's Inaugural Parade. Although the band has existed for only eight years, Gautier has appeared at Walt Disney World, Sea World and Busch Gardens and has received awards consistently at state festivals and competitions.



33RD ILLINOIS VOLUNTEER REGIMENT BAND

Performing at Lincoln's home and at Lincoln's tomb in Springfield, Illinois, is a common event for the 33rd Illinois Volunteer Regiment Band. This group wears Civil War-style clothing and uses traditional Civil War instruments. Director Kirby Reese and 21 performers will play Civil War-era music.

DOUGLAS HIGH SCHOOL BAND

The Douglas High School Band also performed in the Inaugural Parades for President George H.W. Bush in 1989 and for President George W. Bush in 2001. This band from Minden, Nevada, has won over 344 awards, including 205 first place awards.

SPAULDING HIGH SCHOOL BAND

The Spaulding High School Band from Rochester, New Hampshire, has performed all over the United States, including Shea Stadium, the Statue of Liberty and on the steps of the United States Capitol. The band is rich in tradition, having performed for the governor of New Hampshire and former Presidents Bush and Clinton.

“STAR THE CLOWN”

Star is a patriotic clown whose performance honors the celebration of freedom. In his hometown of Amarillo, Texas, he promotes community service through volunteer work with a variety of charitable organizations.

GEOFF BACH JUGGLING ENTERTAINMENT

Geoff Bach from Erie, Pennsylvania has been juggling since he was 15-years old, when he picked it up as a hobby. He has traveled the world to entertain audiences from Mexico City, Mexico, to Sydney, Australia, for the 2000 Olympics.

THE KINGS FIRECRACKERS

The Kings Firecrackers are a jump rope team of elementary and junior high school students. The girls jump to choreographed routines with upbeat, fun music. The group originally was formed from a physical education class in the Kings Mill School District in Ohio.